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FOR: STR-AMBASSADOR WILLIAM D. EBERLE

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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

AND OTHER TRADE MATTERS--SCHEDULE

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL THAT DURING CABINET MEETING APRIL 23 AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S VISIT CAME UP FOR DISCUSSION AND THAT A PREFERENCE WAS EXPRESSED FOR POSTPONEMENT UNTIL THE RETURN TO VENEZUELA OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO (HEAD OF GOV DELEGATION TO UNGA) AND HEAD OF INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE (ICE) REINALDO FIGUEREDO (HEAD GOV DELEGATION TO ANDEAN PACT MEETING IN LIMA), BOTH OF WHOM UNAVAILABLE UNTIL ABOUT MAY 8.

2. FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL ACCEPTED OUR EXPLANATION OF THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF CHANGING AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S ITINERARY, AND WILL PROCEED WITH SCHEDULE FOR CONSULTATIONS MONDAY MORNING WITH ICE DIRECTOR GENERAL JESUS FERNANDEZ, FOLLOWED BY WORKING LUNCHEON AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCE CARMELO LAURIA WHO HAS ACCEPTED, AND OTHER

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VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS. WE ARE HOPEFUL OF ARRANGING

PRIVATE MEETING OVER DRINKS AT RESIDENCE LATER IN
AFTERNOON WITH CORDIPLAN DIRECTOR GUMERSINDO RODRIGUEZ,
WHO IN ADDITION TO LAURIA AND FINANCE MINISTER HURTADO
(WHO WILL BE FULLY OCCUPIED DURING THE DAY WITH LATIN
AMERICA CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENTS' MEETING) IS KEY
FORMULATOR OF VENEZUELAN TRADE POLICY.

3. FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL EXPRESSED HOPE THAT A
LATER MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED BETWEEN AMBASSADOR
EBERLE AND MINISTER OF STATE PEREZ GUERRERO AND ICE
DIRECTOR FIGUEREDO, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR CARACAS.
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